

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Octave Chanute, October 27, 1908

Copied 11/18/36 Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia . October 27, 1908. Mr. O. Chanute, Hotel Manhattan, New York. Dear Mr. Chanute:

Your letter of October 5 was received in due course of mail and should have had a speedier reply. I am sorry that press of other matter has prevented me from attending to my correspondence until now.

I have informed Mr. Curtiss that I should prefer to have the Silver Dart tried out in private before any public tests are made. The possibility of there being any public tests on November 3 will depend upon the success of these preliminary trials and also whether it would be possible for us to give the necessary time from our experiments to send the men and the machine down to Morris Park. The season is now so advanced that you will understand that I am extremely anxious that there should be no unnecessary delay in trying out my Tetrahedral Aerodromes here.

Yours very sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell